

In the Specification:

Please amend the specification by replacing the last paragraph on Page 15 with the following (note that the changes have been illustrated relative to the Amendment dated April 16, 2003):

-- Where the [horizontal cross-section of the arc tube at the elevation of the electrodes is in the shape of an oval so that] ~~the arc tube~~ progressively narrows longitudinally from the center to the ends [is narrowed at both ends relative to the center] thereof, combination with a flattened bottom is suggestive of a canoe. As referenced herein, the term "canoe-shaped" includes flattened bottoms which are planar, and those which are either shallow v-shape or arcuate from end-to-end and/or side-to-side.--

Please change the first named inventor to Abbas Lamouri.